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SUBJECT: TURKISH AMBASSADOR DOES NOT ATTEND NATANZ CEREMONY

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(C) MFA Head of Department for South Asia Murat Ahmet Yoruk told us April 9 that the Turkish ambassador to Tehran did not attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at Iran's Natanz Fuel Enrichment Plant scheduled for April 9 (reftel). Yoruk said the Turkish Embassy in Tehran had received a message from the German Embassy, as EU president, advising EU members and others to abstain from attending the ceremony. Turkey made its decision, Yoruk stated, in line with the EU recommendation.

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